HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE
BRAC BIT: # 74
DATE: 7 April 2010
SUBJECT(S): Key events, Cyber Information
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1. **Upcoming Events:**
    a. Howard County Housing Fair (BRAC Focus)
        i. Date: 10 April, 2010, 10 AM to 2 PM
        ii. Event: Free, no reservations required. Showcases everything you want to know about buying or renting a home. Many vendors also in attendance.
        iii. Location: Long Reach High School, 6101 Dobbin Lane, Columbia, MD.
        iv. Attendees: All are welcomed!
    b. Brac Business Initiative (BBI) Class/Networking Meeting
        i. Date: 19 May, 2010, 8 AM to 10 AM
        ii. Event: Free, no reservations required. Focused on connecting small and minority businesses with BRAC and Cyber related business opportunities. This is a long term (2 year) project.
        iii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2 Columbia, MD 21045-3728
        iv. Attendees: All are welcomed!
    c. BWCC: Women in Government Contracting
        i. Date: 5 May, 2010, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
        ii. Event: Cost: BWCC Members $45.00, Non-Members $70; At-the door $90.00
        iii. Location: Four Points By Sheraton BWI Airport
        iv. Attendees: Contact Shirley Redd at Shirley.redd@bwcc.org for more information
    d. Fort Meade Regional Minority and Small Business Government Contracting IT Forum
        i. Date: 27 May, 2010, 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM
        ii. Event: Registration and cost information to follow.   Focus on government contracting information technology with an emphasis on business opportunities in the Fort Meade region
        iii. Location: BWI Hilton
        iv. Attendees: "Small and Minority Businesses that are BRAC and Cyber Ready."
2. **Discussion:**
    a. Defense Information Systems Agency: DISA move date (first phase) has moved from Oct 10, 2010 to Jan 11, 2011. This is still well ahead of the September 2011 completion date set by Congress.
    b. BBI Networking Committee: The BBI staff is in the process of formalizing our new networking committee. Thanks to the over 60 companies that volunteered to serve! We are working to reduce that number to a workable size.   The future of our advanced effort will focus on functional networking that matches buyers, sellers and partners. All of this is focused on Fort Meade agencies and defense contractors.
3. **Cyber BITS:**

    "Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair opened his annual survey of security threats in February by advising Congress that "malicious Cyberactivity is growing at an unprecedented rate," and that the country's efforts to defend against cyberattacks "are not strong enough." Blair's predecessor as intelligence chief, Mike McConnell, was even more candid in a Washington Post commentary later that month. "The United States is fighting a Cyberwar today," McConnell wrote, "and we are losing." (National Public Radio Website 7 April 2010)